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1. SUMMARY: MAY 21 MAJOR TURKISH PAPERS FRONT
PAGE MAY 19 MEETING OF PRESIDENT CARTER WITH VERTERANS
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ORGANIZATIONS AND NOTE THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT
IN THE PROGRAM FOR LIFTING THE EMBARGO. SENSATIONALIST
GUNAYDIN SAYS STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL BELIEVES TURKISH
PUBLIC REACTION TO THE US OVER CONTINUATION OF EMBARGO
IS STRONGER THAN PRIMIN ECEVIT'S RECENT REMARKS. MAY 22
TERCUMAN REPORTS ARGUMENT BETWEEN NSC STAFF MEMBERS
AND STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS OVER IMPORTANCE OF LIFTING

EMBARGO. END SUMMARY.

2. TURKEY'S THREE LARGEST CIRCULATION DAILIES MAY 21 PROMINENTLY REPORTED PRESIDENT CARTER'S MEETING WITH NATIONAL LEADERS OF VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS (REFTEL). SUBSTANCE OF ARTICLES GENERALLY STRAIGHTFORWARD AND ECHOES PARA 2 REFTEL. HEADLINES, HOWEVER, HIGHLIGHT PRESIDENTIAL INVOLVEMENT. FOR EXAMPLE, CONSERVATIVE TERCUMAN SAYS, "THE US PRESIDENT IS PREPARING A NEW CAMPAIGN FOR LIFTING THE EMBARGO. ACCORDING TO CARTER, TURKEY IS ACTING SUFFICIENTLY FLEXIBLE ON THE CYPRUS QUESTION. "THE EMBARGO CERTAINLY SHOULD BE LIFTED." MASS APPEAL HURRIYET PROCLAIMS, "THIS TIME CARTER GOT DOWN TO BUSINESS ON THE EMBARGO AND TOOK ACTION FOR A VETERANS LOBBY. CARTER IS HOPING FOR HELP FROM VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS." PRO-GOVERNMENT MILLIYET HEADLINES, "PRESIDENT CARTER INITIATED PERSONAL ACTIONS FOR THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO."

3. ALSO ON MAY 21, IN A REPORT FROM WASHINGTON BY LEO HOCHSTETTER, SENSATIONALIST GUNAYDIN CITES AN UNNAMED STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL'S REMARKS THAT THE USG DOES NOT BELIEVE ECEVIT'S COMMENTS AIMED AT THE US ARE AS STRONG AS THE REACTION OF THE TURKISH PEOPLE. NOTING THE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL'S ASSERTION THAT THE ATTITUDE OF THE TURKISH PUBLIC TOWARD THE US IS GRADUALLY WORSENING BECAUSE OF THE EMBARGO, HOCHSTETTER SAYS UNCLASSIFIED

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THIS EVALUATION IS UNDOUBTEDLY BASED ON REPORTS FROM THE EMBASSY AND CONSULATES.

4. CONSERVATIVE TERCUMAN MAY 22 IN AN INSIDE PAGE STORY CONTRIBUTED TO BY THEIR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT, AHMET SARPER, REPORTS AN ALLEGED DISPUTE BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL (NSC) STAFF AND STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS OVER THE OPENING OF A NEW CAMPAIGN TO LIFT THE EMBARGO. ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, THE NSC STAFF ARGUES THAT TURKEY IS BLUFFING, WILL NOT BREAK AWAY FROM THE WEST, AND WILL NOT SIGNIFICANTLY INFLUENCE NATO IF IT REDUCES ITS COMMITMENT IN PEACETIME. THE STATE DEPARTMENT, ON THE OTHER HAND, REPORTEDLY SAYS TURKEY IS IMPORTANT STRATEGICALLY AND HAS ALTERNATIVES. TURKEY'S LOSS, THE ADD, WOULD OPEN THE WAY TO UNFORTUNATE RESULTS. DILLON

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